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SBA Can Help Turn Your Business Green

Wyoming – Why should you make your business energy efficient? Reducing everyday energy costs and monthly utility bills for the lifetime of your business can make it well worth the time needed to look into effective-efficient energy upgrades. If you don't take this time, it can result in great energy losses and money lost by your small business. A Small Business Administration guaranteed loan can help you with the following improvements:

- Energy-efficient appliances;
- Alternative fuel for vehicles;
- Replacing transportation fleet with hybrid vehicles;
- Purchase of high mileage vehicles;
- Energy-efficient doors, windows and skylights;
- Increased insulation:
- Increased efficiency, HVAC fuel pumps, geothermal energy;
- Wind and solar power;
- Energy-efficient power and light bulbs.

SBA's 7(a) loan guaranty program means eligible small businesses can use the proceeds to purchase Energy Star and other energy-efficient equipment and lighting fixtures, or to retrofit an existing facility so that it is more energy efficient. SBA's 504 loan program can help small businesses expand with fixed-asset financing for commercial real estate, construction, renovation and equipment acquisition – including energy efficiency upgrades. Another type of loan is an Energy Conservation Loan designed for the person who builds, installs or services these energy measures, not for the end user. SBA is in partnership with Energy Star to help your small business go green.

For more information about energy-efficiency for small businesses, go to www.business.gov or go on the SBA website and check out www.sba.gov/energy.

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